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Soviets Seem to Have Named Two As Deputy Chiefs of Secret Police

MOSCOW, April 16 (AP)—Soviet authorities appear to have named two persons to the post of first deputy to the chief of the KGB. Western analysts believe the action to be unprecedented.

"We just are not sure what they are up to," a Western Kremlin watcher said.

Yuri Andropov, 67 years old and one of the 13 members of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo, has been head of the security police and intelligence agency since 1967.

Andropov's first deputy, Semyon Tsvigun, died in January. In March, the Soviet press identified Georgy K. Tsinev, 74, as his successor.

But on April 4, the Army newspaper Red Star listed Viktor M. Chebrikov, age not disclosed, as the first deputy chairman of the KGB, leading some Western diplomats to think Tsinev had been replaced soon after his appointment.

Today the Communist Party newspaper Pravda listed Tsinev as first deputy chairman.

Both Tsinev and Chebrikov were among five deputy KGB chairmen before Tsvigun died. Both are Red Army generals and are members of the policy-setting Communist Party Central Committee.